of V.R.S. and construction of warehouses etc.

(e) Due to financial constraints, it is not possible for the Government to provide funds to the extent required by Super Bazar. An amount of Rs. 20 lakhs has been allocated in the budget for the year 1994-95 for providing financial assistance to Super Bazar.

Non-official Committee on PDS in Rajasthan

3467. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any scheme for revamping the Public Distribution System in Rajasthan during 1994-95 for better management; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) is being implemented in 23 States and 4 UTs including Rajasthan, with effect from 1.1.1992. In Rajasthan, 122 Blocks which are covered under various Area Development Programmes such as Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) are covered under the RPDS. In the RPDS Blocks, foodgrains meant for distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS) are issued at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices (CIPS), which are Rs. 50 per quintal lower than the CIP for the PDS. The State Governments are implementing a number of other measures to strengthen and streamline the PDS in the Blocks covered under the RPDS.

Shortage of commodities in Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar

3468. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of commodities in Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to bring down these shortages in Super Bazar;

(d) whether interest has been recovered from the employees of the Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar on the amount of shortage and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. There is stock shortages in both Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar.

(b) The stock shortages occur due to pilferage in self-service stores spillage, handling of goods, transportation losses, shop lifting and thefts.

(c) Steps like introduction of computerisation of various areas of Super Bazar, introduction of system of surprise stock taking, giving deterrent punishment to the errant employees and reduction in norms of permissible stock shortages have been taken by the management of Super Bazar to reduce stock shortages.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no provision in Delhi Shops and Establishment Act for charging of interest on the amount of stock shortages, recoverable from employees.